



# TOWN OF JUPITER

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2015 PREVIEW

### Balancing Small Town Feel and Progress

2015 has arrived, and with it evidence of progress and recovery in our local, regional and state economy. We look forward to the coming year with hope and a sense of optimism in Jupiter, a place we all love and feel lucky to call "home".

2014 brought us many challenges of balance. Balance between economic progress and community livability, between growth and "small-town feel," and between neighborhoods and commerce. We continue to find ourselves weighing decisions with impacts on many sides – decisions that we do not take lightly and strive to consider thoughtfully.

We saw the emergence of Harbourside Place as a new downtown area for Jupiter. Bordered by a public amphitheater and a section of the Riverwalk, the hope is that this entertainment district will offer an option for residents and visitors to enjoy the Jupiter waterfront. The historic Inlet Village area continues to redevelop while striving to maintain its unique fishing village quaintness. In residential areas we are seeing revitalization in our older neighborhoods, watching Abacoa neighborhoods evolve, and anticipating new growth from new neighborhoods in-progress and proposed in the western part of our Town.

As we look to 2015, we know we will continue to face the challenges of balancing development, redevelopment and "build-out" with those of livability and economic health. We value resident and business input as we weigh the difficult decisions we will face in considering all of the benefits and impacts of new opportunities. We look forward to working together toward the vision of always being "uniquely Jupiter."



### VISION:

*Jupiter is a distinctive coastal community committed to preserving its unique character and history and vibrant, small-town feel.*

### 2014 Members of the Jupiter Town Council:

- Mayor Karen Golonka
- Vice Mayor Ilan Kaufer
- Councilor Wendy Harrison
- Councilor Jim Kuretski
- Councilor Todd Wodraska

### KEEP IN TOUCH:

Being accessible to residents' needs and providing excellent customer service is a critical aspect of Jupiter's mission. Town departments can be contacted in a variety of ways.



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"Let Us Know" (resident comments)	741-2214	www.jupiter.fl.us
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Community Center	741-2400	
Community Redevelopment Agcy; Riverwalk	741-2261	brendaa@jupiter.fl.us
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# 2014: YEAR AT A GLANCE

## Policy Actions & Accomplishments in 2014

In Spring and Summer of 2014, as they do every year, the Town Council reviewed and updated the Town's strategic plan. This update ensures that initiatives funded in the operating budget and community investment plan (CIP) support the strategic objectives and community vision outlined in the plan.

This year, in advance of Town Council workshops to update the strategic plan, the Town held several focus groups with residents and businesses to gain feedback on areas of focus for the community. Learnings and insights from those discussions were used to develop nine results areas for the Jupiter Community to help guide decisions on programs and initiatives going forward. These results areas will be used to prioritize programs, and ultimately determine how best to utilize Town resources to achieve the outcomes desired by the community.

Below is a brief summary of some of the major policy actions and accomplishments for 2014 as a result of actions and approvals made by the Town Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA):

- Approved a project to reconstruct Parkway Street in the Inlet Village. The project will reconstruct the roadway, install new storm-water facilities and re-align the road at the intersection with A1A.



- Approved the Lakewood development, located north of Indiantown Road and west of the Florida Turnpike. Lakewood includes 275 residential units, 150,000 square feet of R&D, a 5,000 square-foot restaurant and a 14,750 square-foot drugstore.
- Approved the Villa Diamante project, located on Old Jupiter Beach Road. Villa Diamante consists of 10, two-story duplex buildings for a total of 20 residential units.
- Passed a resolution regarding All Aboard Florida (AAF), urging AAF to consider the significant public health, safety and welfare concerns associated with the project. Then later in the year, submitted the Town's official response to the Federal Railroad Administration on the All Aboard Florida project, identifying the need for more information and the need to address issues related to land use rights, public safety and traffic impacts (see [www.jupiter.fl.us/AAF](http://www.jupiter.fl.us/AAF) for more information and resources on AAF).
- Reduced the number of live-work units required in Mallory Creek and Windsor Park neighborhoods in Abacoa, and changed the approved location and type of live-work units allowed.
- Increased parking penalties to \$40 from \$20 in order to update the fee schedule and act as a better deterrent.



### Strategic Plan Objectives

1. Keep Citizens & Businesses Safe
2. Manage, Control & Enforce Traffic for All Modes: Car, Bikes, Pedestrians & Boats
3. Continue Beautification & Natural Areas; Green Spaces, Parks, Beaches & Landscaping
4. Plan, Manage, Control, Safeguard Growth & Development to Maintain Small Town Feel & Integrity of Jupiter
5. Maintain & Enhance the Small Town Feel
6. Support Local Businesses, Business Friendly Environment
7. Support & Enhance Open 2-Way Communication
8. Prepare & Manage Budget; Maintain Fiduciary Responsibility
9. Organizational Governance

- Awarded \$41,201 in Neighborhood Matching Grants for Clocktower Hammock, Hammock Trace, Indian Creek Phase 3A, Indian Creek Phase IX, Jupiter Plantation, Indian Creek Phase VIII (Eagle Ridge), Pennock Landing, Riverwalk, Sea Palms, and Village at Abacoa. Also awarded \$1,000 in Community Building Grants to Riverwalk, Clocktower Hammock, Pennock Landing and Ridge at the Bluffs.

- Awarded private stormwater grants totaling \$80,860. Grants were awarded to Jupiter Landings (\$44,275), Jupiter Palms (\$4,000), Riverwalk (\$4,625), and Indian Creek Phase VIII (\$27,960).

- Approved an ordinance banning the sale of dogs and cats in pet shops within the Town.

- Began the utility construction phase of the roadway reconstruction project along A1A from Jupiter Beach Road to US 1. The utility construction phase, which will cost approximately \$3.7 million, will underground utilities and provide a new master stormwater system for the Inlet Village area. The second phase of the project will include landscaping, pedestrian facilities, lighting, and roadway resurfacing.

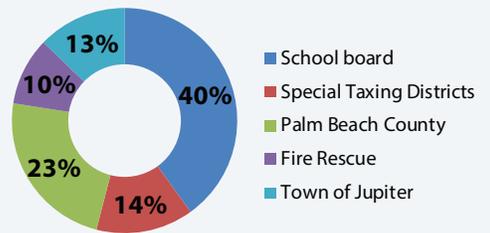
- Approved a plan for Admiral's Cove to reconfigure the marina to add new yacht slips, add valet parking at the clubhouse, and restore two barrier islands along the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Approved using the FEC Train Depot (circa 1915) located in Sawfish Bay Park as a museum with meeting space for civic organizations.
- Approved a request from U-Tiki Restaurant and Marina in the Inlet Village to reduce the number of transient slips (boat mooring spaces) from 18 to 14, and increase the number of leasable slips from 24 to 36.
- Approved "Abacoa Community Park" as the new name for South Jupiter Community Park, and "The Plaza Down Under (on the Riverwalk)" as the new name for the Riverwalk Events Plaza.
- Approved Riverwalk hours of operation to allow entertainment districts to be open from 5am to 1am, and residential areas from 5am to 10pm. The area around Burt Reynolds Park will be open 24 hours.
- Approved creating a Riverwalk Ambassadors program, which would establish an organized volunteer group to partner with the Town and Police Department to monitor activity along the Riverwalk and provide information.

# JUPITER'S BUDGET AT A GLANCE

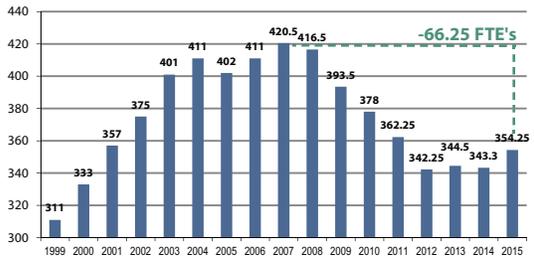
2014 brought further economic stabilization to Jupiter's local economy. Property values increased by 3.94% overall, resulting in \$601,264 in increased general fund revenues from ad valorem tax dollars. This increase in dollars was realized while maintaining a tax rate of 2.2195 mills (dollars per \$1,000 of taxable property value), which was the same as the rate in 2013.

In spite of the increase in tax revenues, however, the Town planned for only a modest increase in its operating budget. Compared to 2013, the Town's overall operating budget increased by \$1.8 million to \$75.9 million. This increase in operating expenditures was mainly due to increases in the building fund and general fund activity.

## Typical Jupiter Resident Tax Bill



## Full-time Equivalents (FTE's) by Fiscal Year

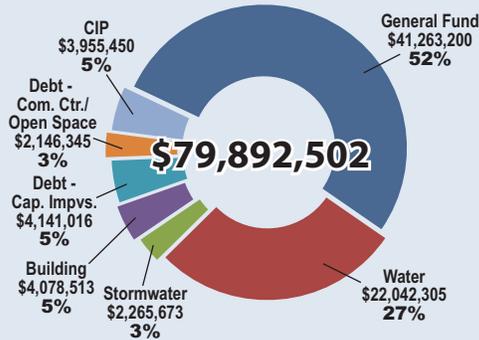


In terms of capital investment, the Town's approved five-year Community Investment Program (CIP) for 2014-2018 totalled \$24.9 million. Capital expenditures in 2014 accounted for \$3.9 million of that five-year total.

In 2014, the Town organization was made up of 343 employees: 243 regular employees and 100 contract employees (sworn police personnel). Employee salaries and benefits comprise a large portion of operating costs for the Town, and the Town has worked to structure a program that balances employee needs and fiscal responsibility.

## Fiscal Year 2014 - Amended Budget

(October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014)

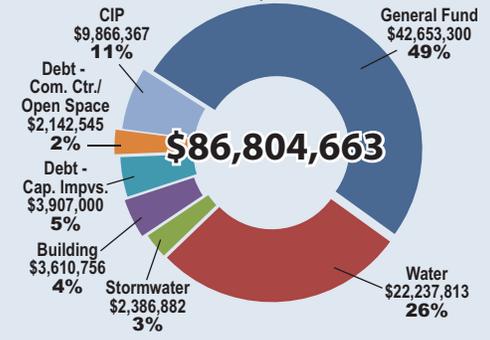


## Jupiter's Total Budget

Jupiter's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The total revised budget in fiscal year 2014 was \$79.8 million, including capital investments. This is an increase of \$200,000 over FY 2013, due mainly to increases in construction and public safety related activity. In fiscal year 2015, the total adopted budget is \$86.8 million.

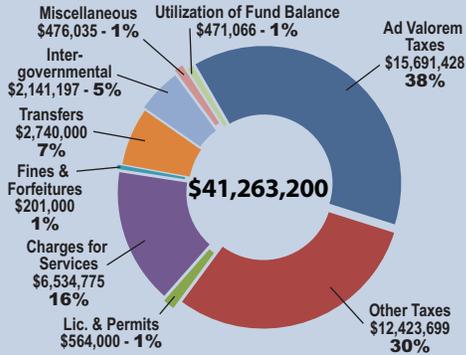
## Fiscal Year 2015 - Adopted Budget

(October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015)



## 2014 General Fund Revenues

(Amended Budget)

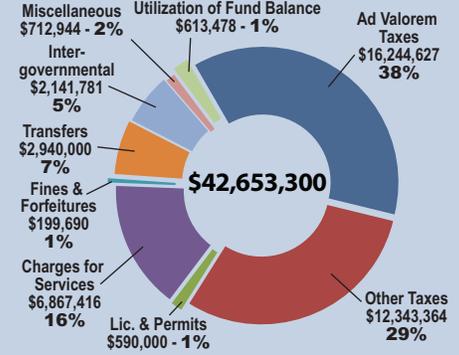


## Where the Money Comes From...

Jupiter's most significant source of funding for its general operations is property (or ad valorem) taxes. In 2015 tax revenues are projected to increase slightly compared to 2014, primarily due to an increase in property values in the Town. In Fiscal Year 2014, as well as in 2015, a portion of the Town's fund balance is used to bridge operating expenses. The amount of fund balance used for this purpose increases in 2015 compared to 2014 due to the shifting of \$1 million in ad valorem tax dollars to the Town's Community Investment Program and a revision to the Town's compensation plan.

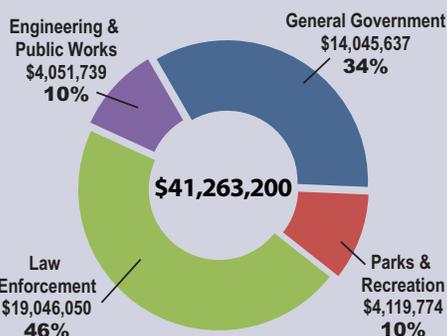
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## 2014 General Fund Expenses

(Amended Budget)

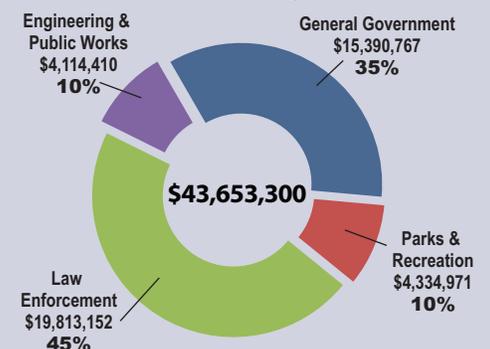


## Where the Money Goes...

Looking at Jupiter's expenditures, it is evident that great importance is placed on the safety and security of the community. Law Enforcement makes up the largest portion of expenditures, followed by the operation of General Government functions. These include the expenses associated with running all of the services of the local government, such as parks, recreation programs, neighborhood programs, financial management, planning and zoning, and many others. Overall, General Fund expenditures are expected to increase in 2015 compared to 2014, by approximately \$1.3 million.

## 2015 General Fund Expenses

(Adopted Budget)



THE TOWN OF JUPITER IS COMMITTED TO THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, NATURAL OPEN SPACES AND COMMUNITY PARKS.

**Did you know...**

for every one acre of commercial use land, two acres are utilized for conservation and open space?



miles of Riverwalk

**2**

**9**

public boat ramps



**1** dog friendly beach

**14,737** acres of land

**3.4**

miles of beach



**58,298** town population

**1 in 6** acres dedicated for preservation or open space

**10** open space properties



**2,650** acres of park and natural area

miles of bike and multi-use trails

**63.3**



**16.6** percent of protected, undeveloped acres of land

**39.2** miles of paddle trails

**18** number of parks



-  Natural Areas
-  Town Boundary
-  Kayak & Paddle Trails
-  Riverwalk
-  Public Boat Docks
-  Marinas
-  Open Space Properties